



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5311***

LCO No. 1857



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) The Board of Regents for  
2 Higher Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of  
3 Connecticut shall establish a program to increase accessibility to  
4 educational achievement for students with autism spectrum disorder at  
5 state institutions of higher education.

6 (b) The program shall include the establishment of a bill of rights for  
7 students with autism spectrum disorder. The bill of rights shall include,  
8 but not be limited to, the right to:

9 (1) Receive targeted support services within support services offered  
10 in the program developed pursuant to section 10a-54 of the general  
11 statutes;

12 (2) Be accompanied in any meeting or hearing concerning a  
13 complaint that may result in disciplinary action against the student by  
14 an advocate chosen by the student;

15 (3) Course scheduling, instruction and campus housing, within  
 16 available resources, tailored to the specific needs of a student who seeks  
 17 such accommodations;

18 (4) Readily accessible information on the Internet web site of state  
 19 institutions of higher education on services available for students with  
 20 autism spectrum disorder; and

21 (5) Within available appropriations, programs to assist students with  
 22 autism spectrum disorder to make a successful transition from high  
 23 school to higher education.

24 (c) Not later than January 1, 2021, the Board of Regents for Higher  
 25 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut  
 26 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
 27 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
 28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
 29 higher education on development of the program and the bill of rights  
 30 for students with autism spectrum disorder.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To ensure students with autism spectrum disorder have the necessary support to achieve success at state institutions of higher education.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*